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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 931

By Herron

A RESOLUTION to recognize Miss Mary Courtney Ford, First in the 2000 Senior Class of Dyersburg High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those persons who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Mary Courtney Ford is one such exceptional student who was recently named First in the 2000 Senior Class at Dyersburg High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and unyielding commitment of time and talent, Miss Ford has achieved outstanding academic success, and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Mary has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, a stellar athlete, Miss Ford has dedicated countless hours to the basketball, softball, and volleyball teams; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her commitment to academic excellence, Mary has been an active and valued member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church Youth Group, the FCA,

Young Life, Art Explorer, the Math Club, DECA, the Pep Club, the National Honor Society, Dyer County Leadership, Tennessee Tomorrow, and the Trojan Torch; and

WHEREAS, she has received numerous honors and accolades for her academic prowess, leadership abilities, and athletic accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, she served with probity as the Sports Information Director, was the Hugh O'Brien runner-up, Co-MVP on the Softball Team, and alternate for Girls State; and

WHEREAS, an outgoing and trustworthy young woman, Miss Ford is an especially talented artist; and

WHEREAS, Miss Ford's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, she plans on attending the University of Tennessee at Knoxville and major in art or pre-med, in order to pursue her praiseworthy career goals in art therapy; and

WHEREAS, Mary's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her family, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Mary Ford's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor Miss Mary Courtney Ford, First in her Senior Class at Dyersburg High School, on her impressive academic achievement, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.